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THE FIRST SPEECH UPON THE FIRST DAY, CONCERNING THE PALATINATE.

BY

Sr. BENIAMIN RUDYARD.

Master Speaker,

THis great Affaire of the *Palatinate*, concerns this Kingdome in Nature, in Honour, in Reason of State, in Religion.

We all know, how neare in Bloud the Prince Elector is to his Majesty.

Many of us here know, what solemn Protestation hath been made in this place, for the recovery of the *Palatinate*, by which we are bound in Honour to pursue it with our best assistance.

God hath so framed the Powers of man, and so ordered the course of things in this world, as that in all actions, right Reason, and true Religion may well hold, and goe a great way together.

If we consider Religion according to reason of State, wee shall find, that Christendome divides it selfe into two sides, with the Pope, against the Pope. His Majesty is the greatest King of *the Religion*; and therefore fittest to be the Head of that Party, which will adde a greater Greatnesse to Him then can be gotten any other way.

The meanes to it are, first, to preserve *Religion* sound and entire, within His own Kingdomes at home: next, to unite the Homogeniall parts of it, pieces of the same, together, by Alliances, by Confederations abroad.

The good Effect of this *Germane* Match was lost by the ill Councels of those times; It will be an Honour to us to repaire it by better.

The restoring of the Prince Elector to his Territory and Dignity, will restore Religion there; will strengthen it; may increase it further in *Germany*; which consideration is of a great and vast Consequence, proportionable to the greatnesse and vastnesse of that Countrey. It will likewise refresh and comfort the needfull heart of that most Noble, Vertuous, and Magnanimously suffering Queen of *Bohemia*, his Majesties sister, his Highnesse mother, who is ever to be highly and tenderly regarded by this House, by this Kingdome.

This is a fit conjuncture of time to begin it in, whilst the King of *Spaine* hath so much to do of his

his own, as he is not able to afford his usuall aids to the Emperour, which probably may induce the Emperour to abate of former resolutions.

That which is now propounded, is onely a Manifest, to expresse and declare our zeale and heartinesse to the Cause, thereby to give it Countenance and Reputation in the present *Dyet* at *Ratisbone*. Reputation, in matters of State, doth many times prevaile, as much as Substance.

His Majesties Father (of blessed memory) and Himselfe, have for many yeares mediated and treated with the successive Emperours, by all faire and amiable wayes. They have been deluded, they have been neglected. It behoves us, Master Speaker, to be *Englishly* sensible of the Injustice, of the Indignitie.

Wherefore my humble Motion is, That the House will be pleased, presently to name a select Committee, to compose a Declaration suitable to the Importance of the Cause.

THE FIRST SPEECH UPON THE SECOND DAY, CONCERNING THE PALATINATE.

BY

Sr. Beniamin Rudyard.

At a Committee of the whole House.

Master Whitlock,

IF we may do the Prince Elector good, by our good word, I hope we shall not stick to afford it Him. A Word spoken in due season, is worth more than Gold and Silver at another time.

His Majestyes Embassadour is now at the *Dyet* at *Ratisbon*, where the Emperour and other Princes are by friendly Treaties endeavouring to make

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up the breaches of *Germany*. If this opportunity be omitted, His Highneſſe affaires will be exceedingly caſt behind hand.

It is true, That our Treatyes heretofore have not been proſperous; the reaſon hath been, becauſe of the unhappy diſtance between the King and his people, which brought a diſvalue upon this Kingdome abroad. But now, when the world ſhall take notice of the good underſtanding between his Majeſty and his Subjects, by an earneſt and ſolemn Ioyning of the whole Parliament with his Majeſtyes Declaration, the Propoſitions comming from hence, will carry with them more weight, more Authority; which is the way to redeem our Engagement at an eaſy rate, to ſave thoſe great Charges which ſome doe ſo much feare.

If we ſhould be backward in this great worke; we ſhall cancell the Obligations of Nature, of Honour, of Reaſon, of State, of Religion, which binde us to it.

Wherefore, Maſter *Whitlock*, my humble Motion is, That we may draw up a ſhort round Manifeſt, to wait upon and affirme the Kings Declaration, to be ſtill managed by advice of Parliament, which will be ſafe for our ſelves, more powerfull and effectuall for the Prince Elector.

FINIS.